



PLYMPTON

Plymouth County



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NARRATIVE

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Residents of Plympton say that driving into the center of this Plymouth County town is like taking a step back into simpler times and they wouldn't have it any other way. Two hundred year old houses share space on Route 58, the main street, with a gas station, a farm stand, a bank, a restaurant and a graveyard where the passing years have tilted the ancient slate headstones to eerie angles.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Pembroke on the north, Kingston on the east, Carver on the south, and Middleborough and Halifax on the west. Plympton is 17 miles southeast of Brockton, 34 miles southeast of Boston, and 210 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 15.14 sq. miles

Land Area: 14.79 sq. miles

Population: 2,384

Density: 161 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Plympton, Hanover

Regional Planning Agency

Old Colony

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Brockton



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 585-3220

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1707

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	1,647		
Democrats	296	18.0	%
Republicans	284	17.2	%
Other parties	1	0.1	%
Unenrolled Voters	1,066	64.7	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Plympton town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	2,637	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	2,637	100.0
Male.....	1,296	49.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	11	0.4
Female.....	1,341	50.9	Mexican.....	1	-
Under 5 years.....	161	6.1	Puerto Rican.....	7	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	222	8.4	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	232	8.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	3	0.1
15 to 19 years.....	207	7.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	2,626	99.6
20 to 24 years.....	101	3.8	White alone.....	2,548	96.6
25 to 34 years.....	281	10.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	498	18.9	Total population.....	2,637	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	485	18.4	In households.....	2,637	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	174	6.6	Householder.....	854	32.4
60 to 64 years.....	103	3.9	Spouse.....	653	24.8
65 to 74 years.....	96	3.6	Child.....	923	35.0
75 to 84 years.....	59	2.2	Own child under 18 years.....	698	26.5
85 years and over.....	18	0.7	Other relatives.....	134	5.1
Median age (years).....	37.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	44	1.7
18 years and over.....	1,884	71.4	Nonrelatives.....	73	2.8
Male.....	899	34.1	Unmarried partner.....	24	0.9
Female.....	985	37.4	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,797	68.1	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	219	8.3	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	173	6.6	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	80	3.0	Total households.....	854	100.0
Female.....	93	3.5	Family households (families).....	737	86.3
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	370	43.3
One race.....	2,619	99.3	Married-couple family.....	653	76.5
White.....	2,554	96.9	With own children under 18 years.....	332	38.9
Black or African American.....	26	1.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	60	7.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	16	0.6	With own children under 18 years.....	32	3.7
Asian.....	9	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	117	13.7
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	90	10.5
Chinese.....	2	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	30	3.5
Filipino.....	4	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	404	47.3
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	130	15.2
Korean.....	2	0.1	Average household size.....	3.09	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.32	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	872	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	854	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	18	2.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	7	0.8
Some other race.....	14	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	18	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.8	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			HOUSING TENURE		
<i>or more other races: ³</i>			Occupied housing units.....	854	100.0
White.....	2,566	97.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	819	95.9
Black or African American.....	37	1.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	35	4.1
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.8	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	3.11	(X)
Asian.....	11	0.4	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.66	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	22	0.8			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	0
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Plympton lies in the heart of the Old Colony Region between Boston and Cape Cod. The major highways are State Route 3 and Interstate 495, which give access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of the Greater Boston Region.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 58, which runs N-S and intersects with U.S. Route 44 running E-W in neighboring Carver.

Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97, from the Kingston Station, or from the rail station in South Hanson.

Bus

Plympton is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

The Plymouth Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located 4 mi. SW of the city, has 2 asphalt runways 2,501'x 75' and 3,501'x 75'. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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